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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the Milk Production, Layer and Egg Production, Potato Stocks and Prices, Bee and Honey, and Trout.

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POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand March 1, 2002, totaled 7.0 million hundredweight (cwt.), 20 percent below 2001's March 1 holdings. Disappearance to March 1 in the state totaled 9.1 million cwt., compared with 9.2 million cwt. a year earlier. Storage accounted for 43 percent of Maine's total production, well below the previous 5-year average of 51 percent. Fewer potatoes on hand have translated into a stronger market for Maine growers. The price received for 2001 crop potatoes across all sales for fresh market, processing, and seed averaged \$7.80 per cwt. during January 2002, well above last year's \$5.50 per cwt., and the 5-year average of \$5.74 per cwt. Projected prices for February 2002, show value of sales continuing to improve.

March 1, 2002, potato stocks in the **15 storage states** totaled 168 million cwt., down 15 percent from 2001 and one percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the fall storage states' production, the same percentage as a year ago. This is the lowest March potato stocks since the 1995 crop. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1, at 226 million cwt., is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. February disappearance of 33.9 million cwt. is down seven percent from a year ago and 10 percent below 2000. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 21.2 million cwt., down 27 percent from last year and 18 percent below two years ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in Vermont totaled 212 million pounds in February 2002, an increase of four percent from February

2001. Milk cows on Vermont farms averaged 154,000 head in February 2002, unchanged from the previous month, however, an increase of 1,000 head from February 2001. Milk production per cow for the month averaged 1,375 pounds in February, an increase of 45 pounds from February 2001.

Milk production in the 20 major milk-producing states during February totaled 11.4 billion pounds, an increase of three percent from February 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.75 million head, 18,000 head fewer than February 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,474 pounds for February, 43 pounds above the previous year's rate.

HONEY: New England honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.0 million pounds, an increase of six percent from the previous year. During 2001, the average yield from the 23,600 honey producing colonies was 43 pounds, 16 percent higher than the 2000 average yield. Total value of production across all six states was \$1.2 million, up 14 percent from 2000's value.

TROUT: In 2001, the value of trout sold in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts totaled \$848,000, a 14 percent reduction in value from the previous year due largely to fewer pounds sold. In the three New England states on January 1, 2002, there were 19 producers selling trout, and a total of 17 hatcheries distributing trout for restoration or conservation purposes. State hatcheries reported a total of 3.6 million fish distributed in 2001, compared with 3.3 million fish distributed a year earlier.

Nationwide, the 2001 value of trout sold, excluding eggs, was \$71.2 million, one percent under the previous year. An additional \$5.1 million was generated from trout egg sales nationwide. The 2001 value of distributed fish was \$64.8 million across the Nation, with eggs valued at an additional \$1.8 million. The complete **Catfish and Trout Production** report is available on the Internet and includes more information about eggs, size of fish, and losses, as well as separate tables for percent sold by point of first sale.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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FALL POTATOES: Production and March 1 Stocks ^{1/}, 2001 - 2002

STATE	2000 Crop			2001 Crop		
	Production	Stocks March 1, 2001	Stocks as % of Prod	Production	Stocks March 1, 2002	Stocks as % of Prod
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,741	1,300	35	1,113	200	18
Colorado	27,972	13,000	46	21,357	9,400	44
Idaho	152,320	76,500	50	127,980	66,000	52
Maine	17,920	8,700	49	16,120	7,000	43
Michigan	14,963	3,400	23	14,030	3,200	23
Minnesota	21,240	10,100	48	18,425	7,900	43
Montana	3,503	2,800	80	3,040	2,550	84
Nebraska	10,127	2/	2/	8,512	2/	2/
New York	5,964	1,000	17	5,942	650	11
North Dakota	26,950	11,500	43	26,400	12,300	47
Ohio	1,134	2/	2/	984	2/	2/
Oregon	30,683	17,000	55	20,730	11,500	55
Pennsylvania	3,510	830	24	3,173	660	21
Washington	105,000	37,500	36	94,400	32,500	34
Wisconsin	33,800	10,500	31	31,955	11,500	36
15 STATES	458,827	197,670	43	394,161	167,870	43

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings. ^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., March 14, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1996 - 2001 Crop Years

CROP YEAR	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt										
1996	5.20	4.70	4.90	4.35	4.35	4.65	4.50	4.75	5.05	4.55	4.60
1997	8.10	5.65	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.10	6.35	6.55	6.95	6.75	6.40
1998	6.25	5.40	5.70	5.85	5.90	6.15	6.45	6.90	7.45	7.05	6.45
1999	5.80	5.30	5.45	6.35	6.45	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.80	6.60	6.35
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	6.15
2001 ^{2/}	6.30	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.80	8.00				

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed.^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Average Price Received and Fat Test, February 2002 with Comparisons

STATE	Milk Price, Sold to Plants ^{1/}			Fat Test		
	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002 ^{2/}	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002 ^{2/}
	Dollars Per Cwt			Percent		
Vermont	14.30	14.20	14.10	3.75	3.76	3.75
New York	14.10	14.10	14.00	3.75	3.76	3.75
Pennsylvania	14.60	15.00	14.80	3.75	3.80	3.80
U.S. ^{3/}	13.00	13.40	13.30	3.75	3.77	3.74

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.^{2/} Most recent monthly price and butterfat test are preliminary mid-month forecasts.^{3/} U.S. includes only 20 major states: AZ CA FL ID IL IN IA KY MI MN MO NM NY OH PA TX VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, February 2002 with Comparisons

STATE	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	153	154	154	1,330	1,510	1,375	203	233	212
New York	670	675	675	1,320	1,510	1,390	884	1,019	938
Pennsylvania	602	587	583	1,420	1,570	1,460	855	922	851
U.S. ^{2/}	7,764	7,745	7,746	1,431	1,585	1,474	11,108	12,272	11,421

^{1/} Average number for month, including dry cows.^{2/} U.S. includes 20 major states: AZ CA FL ID IL IN IA KY MI MN MO NM NY OH PA TX VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., March 15, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TROUT: Number of Operations, January 1, 2001 - 2002, Value of Fish Sold and Distributed , 2000 - 2001

STATE	Total Trout Operations January 1		Operations Selling Trout				Operations Distributing Trout ^{1/}			
			Number of Operations Jan 1		Total Value of Fish Sold		Number of Operations Jan 1		Total Value of Distributed Fish	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2001	2002	2000	2001
	Number		Number		1,000 Dollars		Number		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	6	6	4	3	250	222	3	4	2/	2/
Maine	15	14	8	7	283	251	8	8	2/	2/
Massachusetts	15	14	10	9	457	375	5	5	2/	2/
NEW ENGLAND ^{3/}	36	34	22	19	990	848	16	17	2/	2/
U.S. ^{4/}	--	--	--	--	71,751	71,197	--	--	64,804	64,825
U.S. ^{5/}	662	642	427	409	75,780	76,310	266	260	66,523	66,634

^{1/} Trout distributed for restoration or conservation purposes.^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.^{3/} New England includes: Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.^{4/} Excludes value of eggs.^{5/} Includes value of eggs.SOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**TROUT: Number of Fish Sold and Distributed by Size Category, 2000 - 2001**

STATE	Food Size: 12 inches or longer			Stockers: 6 inches - 12 inches			Fingerlings: 1 inch - 6 inches		
	Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight	
		Average per Fish	Total		Average per Fish	Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs

TROUT SOLDNew England ^{1/}

2000	222	0.9	196	168	0.3	55	84	47.6	4
2001	188	0.9	175	110	0.4	40	115	43.5	5

TROUT DISTRIBUTED

Connecticut

2000	5	3.8	19	792	0.5	393	438	20.6	9
2001	40	0.8	30	760	0.6	420	490	24.5	12

Maine

2000	26	1.2	31	540	0.3	164	540	38.9	21
2001	66	0.9	62	640	0.3	173	450	40.0	18

Massachusetts

2000	450	1.0	434	200	0.3	63	340	11.8	4
2001	490	0.9	420	200	0.3	60	470	6.4	3

New England ^{1/}

2000	481	1.0	484	1,532	0.4	620	1,318	25.8	34
2001	596	0.9	512	1,600	0.4	653	1,410	23.4	33

^{1/} New England includes: Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.SOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**BEE & HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2000 - 2001 ^{1/}**

STATE	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Average price per pound ^{2/}		Value of Production		Stocks ^{3/} as of December 15	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents		1,000 Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
Maine	11	11	21	20	231	220	75	70	173	154	143	106
Massachusetts	5	2.7	38	42	190	113	192	294	365	333	87	40
Vermont	7	7	59	81	413	567	68	91	281	516	211	249
CT, NH, RI ^{4/}	3	2.9	40	39	119	113	224	212	267	240	46	62
NEW ENGLAND	26	23.6	37	43	953	1,013	114	123	1,086	1,243	487	457
U.S.	2,620	2,513	84	74	220,339	185,926	60	67	132,742	127,060	85,328	64,750

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies.^{2/} Prices weighted by sales.^{3/} Stocks held by producers.^{4/} Individual states are not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations or because the state has less than 1,000 honey producing colonies.SOURCE: **Honey**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, February, 2001 - 2002

STATE	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ^{1/}		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ^{1/}		Egg Production from All Layers ^{1/}	
	February 2001	February 2002	February 2001	February 2002	February 2001	February 2002	February 2001	February 2002
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	3,197	3,100	3,284	3,157	2,192	2,208	72	70
Maine	3,997	4,023	4,058	4,074	2,011	2,202	82	90
U.S.	270,482	271,295	335,813	336,896	1,943	1,946	6,524	6,557

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.SOURCE: *Chickens & Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., March 22, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, January 2002 with Comparisons

PRODUCT	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002	January 2002 as percent of:	
				January 2001	December 2001
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	5,576	3,991	5,575	100	140
American Type Cheese ^{1/}	6,195	5,413	7,073	114	131
Mozzarella Cheese	7,644	5,127	5,434	71	106
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	966	1,187	1,426	148	120
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	617	490	544	88	111
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	8,292	6,072	10,414	126	172
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	564	500	1,014	180	203
Milk Sherbet, Hard	145	113	268	185	237

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.^{3/} Creamed and lowfat.SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., March 4, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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